

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair
Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Kel Seliger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Kel Seliger

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 968 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hall then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 968 do not pass but that CSSB 968 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 968.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 969 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Campbell then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that SB 969 do not pass but that CSSB 969 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 969.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1313 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Kolkhorst then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1313 do not pass but that CSSB 1313 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 640.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 640 do not pass but that CSSB 640 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 642.

Senator Powell then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Powell moved that SB 642 do not pass but that CSSB 642 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Powell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 910 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 910 do not pass but that CSSB 910 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Seliger moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1061. Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1061 do not pass but that CSSB 1061 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1079.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1079 do not pass but that CSSB 1079 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Blanco moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1502.

Senator Buckingham moved that SB 1502 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 764.

Senator Perry moved that SB 764 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1146.

Senator Seliger then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 1146 do not pass but that CSSB 1146 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1578.

Senator Hall moved that SB 1578 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hall moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 50 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Perry moved that SB 50 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1763 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1763 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1941 and recognized the author, Senator Gutierrez, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Gutierrez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1941. (See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 1941 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

Senator Seliger assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 617 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Buckingham sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 617. (See attached witness list). Senator Seliger moved that SB 617 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 552 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 552. (See attached witness list). Senator Seliger moved that SB 552 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1151 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger moved that SB 1151 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 184 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

Senator Buckingham sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nathan Johnson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Seliger moved that SB 184 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1534 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1534. (See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1534 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1911 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Buckingham sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1911 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 452 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Buckingham sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 452 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1829 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Buckingham sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1829 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills SB 50, SB 184, SB 452, SB 552, SB 617, SB 1151, SB 1534, SB 1763, SB 1829, SB 1911, SB 1941. Public testimony was heard on the bills.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list.

Senator Buckingham assumed the chair.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, Senator Buckingham moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Avery Kotic". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Avery Kotic, Clerk